

ALLIES SKEPTICAL OF PEACE OFFERS FROM GERMANY

Attempt To Win Free Hand In East, Is French View

ASK FRANKNESS

Silence On Alsace Lorraine In Reported Terms Brings Protest

LANSING IN DARK

Nothing Heard In Washington Of Intended Overtures By Kaiser

(Reuter's Agency War Service) London, December 21.—In connection with rumors of a forthcoming German peace offer, the French newspapers suggest that Germany's endeavor, under threat of a great offensive in the West, is to create an atmosphere favorable to acceptance of terms whereby something like a "status quo ante" will be restored in the West in return for the restoration of the German colonies and a free hand for the Central Powers and Bulgaria in the East.

According to the French view, Germany would keep the question of Turkey in the background, hoping thereby to interest England in this proposal.

German anxiety regarding Germany's economic future is being constantly revealed.

Lecturing at Bremen recently, Dr. Karstadt, one of the best-known speakers of the German Colonial Society, said: "When our millions of soldiers return from the war they must be provided with bread and work, but how if raw-material is lacking for example cotton? The problem is acute owing to the closer economic union of the British Empire."

Wants Colonies Back

Dr. Karstadt declared that Turkey could not satisfy Germany's hunger for raw-material. Germany must have a Central Africa stretching from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. Hence Germany must recover her colonies and enlarge them and she must also construct essential naval bases. Dr. Karstadt concluded by picturing German submarines operating from Dar-es-Salaam as far as Aden.

Washington, December 21.—Secretary of State Lansing, commenting on the purported German Christmas peace overtures circulated here through neutral channels, said no information concerning them has reached the State Department. The attitude of the United States on the subject is unchanged, being in accord with the terms of the Allies for restoration and reparation by Germany.

Many Hints Of Peace Offer

Paris, December 21.—From Berlin, Amsterdam and Zurich arrives news that Germany will soon inform the world of her conditions of peace. According to a telegram giving that information, Germany is ready to declare her political disinterestedness concerning Belgium. There would be also a project for compensation in exchange for the restitution of German Colonies but nothing is said about Alsace-Lorraine.

Commenting on this news, Le Temps declares that if the German Government has decided to speak there is no need to have ambiguous telegrams sent from Amsterdam and Zurich. Germany has but to explain her terms and until she does the intentions she proclaims will only meet among the Allies with profound scepticism. If Germany explains, she must do so about everything. The problem of Alsace-Lorraine was put by Germany herself in 1871 and when she invaded Lorraine territory in 1914. That problem has poisoned European peace for 43 years.

Le Temps continues that the Allies do not try to elude any question. Yesterday Mr. Balfour expressed himself in plain terms about the left bank of the Rhine. If Germany tried to put aside the question of Alsace-Lorraine she would obtain only one result and would show all nations her bad faith when talking of a General peace, while the rights of France would show up in a more remarkable way.

Monte Asolone Retaken, Rome War Office Asserts But Berlin Denies Claim

Italians Fighting Under Terrible Conditions of Midwinter But With Undaunted Spirit

(Reuter's Agency War Service) Rome, December 23.—An official communique reports:

There have been local encounters on the whole mountain front. We repulsed with heavy losses strong enemy parties at Posina, southeast of Asiago, in Frenzela Valley and on the southern slopes of Sasso Rosso.

Rome, December 22.—An official communique reports:

Despite adverse atmospheric conditions in the region of Mount Asolone we made progress and repulsed a counter-attack.

Yesterday's communique had reported:

In the region on the Asolone front, eastward of the Brenta, we recaptured a considerable portion of the ground we lost on Tuesday and dispersed a strong counter-attack at Monte Pertica.

In the Chamber yesterday the Minister of Munitions also had announced that the Italians had reconquered Monte Asolone.

London, December 23.—A German official communique says: An Italian thrust against the heights westward of Monte Asolone failed.

London, December 22.—(By wireless). A German official communique reports:

Italian attacks yesterday afternoon and evening on Mount Asolone and the heights westward were unsuccessful.

The German official communique yesterday had reported:

The Italians seven times attacked the heights we have won westward of Monte Asolone and three times attacked Monte Pertica. They also attacked Monte Sclafano. All their attacks failed.

GERMANS TRY TO RAID ENGLISH COAST AGAIN

One Machine Is Forced To Descend And Others Are Turned Back

(Reuter's Agency War Service) London, December 23.—The Press Bureau announces that the air raid last night caused no casualties and did not damage.

London, December 22.—Official.—An air raid was attempted at six o'clock this evening against the Kentish Coast. One raider was forced to descend near the coast, the crew of three men being captured alive.

A second attack developed at 8.30 p.m. A few bombs were dropped in the Isle of Thanet. There were no casualties and no damage was done.

Six Arrested In U.S. As German Agents

One Charged With Exporting Food To Enemies By Way Of Sweden

(Reuter's Agency War Service) London, December 22.—The Federal Agents at Brooklyn have arrested Gustave Myers, who came to the United States at the outbreak of the war, and who is charged with exporting food stuffs valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars to Germany via Sweden. His most recent export took place last week.

New York, December 22.—Five defendants, including two women, have been convicted of conspiracy at the Detroit Federal Court for conducting military enterprises in the United States against Canada and, specifically, attempting to destroy Windsor Armories and the tunnel at Port Huron.

The five defendants before the Detroit Federal Court received sentences ranging from two to four years imprisonment, in addition to fines ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

An extensive traffic on correspondence to Germany and Austria, smuggled by the crews, mainly of Swedish ships, has been discovered and arrests are imminent.

San Francisco, December 22.—George Rodieck, formerly German Consul at Honolulu, has been fined \$10,000 for fomenting revolution in India.

(Reuter's Agency War Service) Headquarters in Italy, in a message sent the 20th says:

The situation is still an anxious one but further snowstorms may any day stabilise the front for the winter. The enemy's recent gains were dearly bought by the Jaegers. The capture of Monte Asolone on the 18th may enable the enemy to embarrass our communications in the plain, notably towards Bassano, where two railways meet, and it also threatens Monte Grappa with being turned from the West.

Reuter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters sends a thrilling description of the intense winter conditions the Italians are undergoing in the long drawn-out duel against the ever-rising flood of the enemy.

The Austrians and Germans have accumulated a tremendous number of cannon on the mountains dominating the field of attack surrounding Monte Grappa and the valleys leading to the plain. It is necessary to use dynamite to make trenches for the artillery, in consequence of the hardness of the frozen ground, and the Italian gunners are often obliged to place their cannon in unsheltered positions while the snowy background makes them an easy target.

The field-telegraphists and stretcher-bearers face almost certain death in carrying out their duties and the infantry is obliged to lie down for hours on utterly exposed ground awaiting the moment to attack while the snow, in melted form, penetrates to their bones.

Notwithstanding these hardships the spirit of the Italian troops, notably of the Alpini, is undaunted.

SINNECKER UP AGAIN IN THE MIXED COURT

Has Failed To Register For Three Weeks But Says He Is Ill

George Sinnecker, the German subject who figured in the test case on enemy registration in the International Settlement, failed to appear at a Mixed Court summons yesterday before British Assessor Grant-Jones and Magistrate Kuan to explain why he had failed to register with the Hongkong Police Station in compliance with the conditions of the permit issued to German subjects in Shanghai. The Court decided to adjourn the case for a week for the production of his medical certificate in default of his presence, as the defendant said that he had been too unwell to attend the Court and the registration.

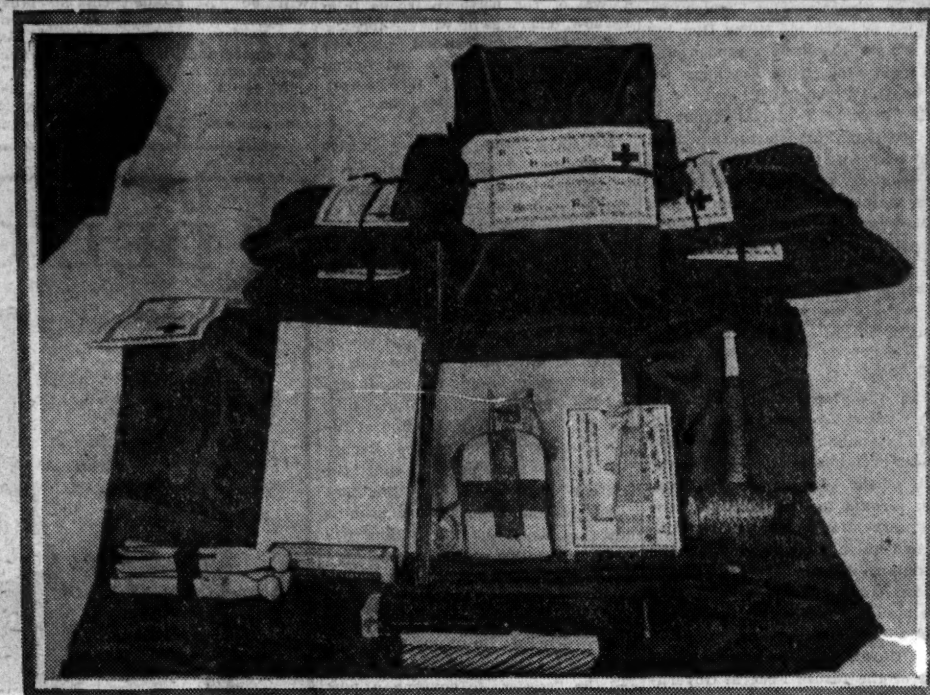
Mr. K. E. Newman, appearing for the prosecution, stated that defendant had written a letter to the Registrar of the Court, saying that he has been sick for the last three weeks and not able to leave his house. Inspector Wheeler produced the letter. Mr. Newman asked that a warrant be issued in case the defendant fails to produce the medical certificate in default of his presence at the next hearing. The Assessor said that a warrant necessarily follows, if the accused fails to appear.

Mukden Official Denies He Serves Bolsheviki

Secretary To Russian Consulate Not In Sympathy With Maximalists, He Says

From Our Own Correspondent Peking, December 21.—Manchurian papers have been circulating the statement that M. Bobrovnikoff, Secretary and Interpreter to the Russian Consulate-General at Mukden, has been appointed Consul-General for Russia at Harbin by the Maximalists, with whom he is described as being in sympathy. M. Bobrovnikoff has repudiated, most emphatically, any sympathy with the Maximalists, and he immediately took steps, when this report was brought to his notice, to deny any connection with those responsible for its fabrication. It appears that the Bolsheviki have been nominating a number of the present officials of the Russian service in Manchuria to "adjoint" posts with themselves, and they have named M. Bobrovnikoff amongst these "adjoint" appointees.

To Be Opened This Christmas Morning in the Trenches



The Christmas packet that thousands of American boys in the trenches in France will open on this Christmas morning. It answers almost all needs. Tobacco, pipes, chewing gum, playing cards, handkerchiefs, candy and even clothespins are some of the incidentals in this bandana of plenty.

LAST CHANCE TODAY TO AID RED CROSS DRIVE

Shanghai Americans May Enroll Till 3 O'clock When Results Will Be Cabled

The biggest American Red Cross chapter in China and the second largest in the Far East is by way of being put on record today in a cable message from Shanghai to Washington.

It is estimated that between 500 and 600 members to the Red Cross will be enrolled in the local contingent of the organization by 3 o'clock this afternoon, when the figures will be wired to the capital to swell the total in the "10,000,000 membership drive" which is being conducted among Americans round the world. From available figures the only spot in the Orient, which will surpass Shanghai in the drive is Manila.

Today furnishes the last chance for Shanghai Americans to identify themselves in the great move started at home to make the Red Cross society a 10,000,000 strong aide to the men in the trenches. Until 3 o'clock this afternoon Miss E. R. Jansen, No. 2 Jessfield Road, will receive applications to add to the list, the total of which will be forwarded to headquarters in the United States. The cable will be sent by Consul-General Sammons at 4 p.m. Subscriptions by compendious order or post-office order will be received by Miss Jansen up to 3 o'clock. Those unable to secure money orders for their subscriptions on account of the holiday may notify Miss Jansen of their intention and thus help to bring the number up in time for the results to be wired to Washington, sending in their payments later.

The outposts in this Consular district have responded quickly to the call and subscriptions from those places streamed in yesterday. From Hangchow more than 30 enrollments were recorded during the day and it is known that there are many others on the way.

Application has been made for the formation of a local Red Cross chapter and it is thought that the organization will be well established here soon and that it will be one of the strongest foreign branches of the national society.

Germans Disappointed At Submarine Results

(Reuter's Agency War Service) London, December 21.—Reuter's Agency is authorized to state that although it is true we are not destroying more U-boats than are being built, it is clear from the recent attacks on convoys by surface ships that the enemy is not satisfied with the results of his submarine campaign and recognises that it requires assistance.

The Weather

Misty but milder. The maximum temperature yesterday was 33.7 and the minimum 19.4, the figures for the corresponding day last year being 39.5 and 33.3.

New War Move By Japan Hinted After Important Meeting

Prince Yamagata, Matsukata And Saionji Called To Conference In Palace

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Tokio, December 22.—The sudden arrival here of Marquis Saionji yesterday, followed by a meeting at the Palace this morning of Prince Yamagata, Marquis Matsukata and Marquis Saionji, has caused considerable comment. Nothing has transpired as to the result of the conference, which is generally believed to be connected with a new form of activity to aid the Allies and to deal with the situations in Russia and China.

Revolt Threatened By German Paper

Russian Rising May Be Duplicated In A Month Unless Food Situation Improves

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, December 21.—The German newspaper Vorwaerts in a sharp attack on the Food Controller declares that the agricultural producers and rich townsmen are living in plenty, the middle-class maintains itself precariously but the masses are not only hungry but are literally starving. It expresses the opinion that there might be an absolute catastrophe in Germany within a month and a collapse even more serious than the one which has occurred in Russia and as its result, the defeat of Germany and the entire loss of the war.

Amsterdam, December 23.—The German newspaper Vorwaerts has been suspended for three days, evidently owing to the article on food conditions in Germany cabled on the 21st.

FIRE AT KRUPPS WORKS

(Reuter's Agency War Service) Amsterdam, December 22.—An unconfirmed but circumstantial report states that Krupps Works are on fire.

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—The Telegraf states that the fire at Krupps Works at Essen was due to a short-circuit at the power-station, which was seriously damaged.

67 Killed, 50 Injured In Train Wreck In U.S.

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Shepherdsville, Kentucky, December 21.—Sixty-seven persons were killed and 50 injured in a collision between a passenger train travelling between Louisville and Nashville and a local train yesterday evening.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

THE CHINA PRESS and the other daily newspapers of Shanghai are observing both Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The next issue of THE CHINA PRESS therefore will be on Friday morning.

ALLIES INVITED TO RUSSIAN-GERMAN PEACE MEETINGS

Will Be Asked To Send Delegates To Conference, Is Report

TEUTONS EVASIVE

Trotsky Makes Statement Bitterly Attacking Britain And America

HITS KAISER, TOO

If Berlin's Terms Are Onerous, War Will Be Renewed

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 22.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times states that it is reported from Brest-Litovsk that the German representatives emphasise the desirability of all the belligerents participating in the peace negotiations. It was therefore decided to invite France, Great Britain, Italy and the United States to send delegates. In the pourparlers the Germans seemed disposed to accept the principle of "no annexations and no indemnities," but made reservations regarding the right of nationalities to dispose of themselves.

Petrograd, December 21.—It is unofficially reported that the Germans have refused the Russian terms of peace.

Trotsky Makes Threat

Petrograd, December 23.—Owing to the armistice in Rumania, Mr. Anderson, the head of the American Red Cross Mission in Rumania, telegraphed to his agent in Petrograd, "Send all automobiles possible to Rostoff," whence he intended to ship them to Mesopotamia.

This telegram, together with a telegram from the American Ambassador authorising Mr. Anderson to draw Roubles 100,000, came to the knowledge of the Maximalists and has led to a bitter attack on America and Great Britain by the Maximalist Leader Trotsky owing to a Maximalist suspicion that the Americans are assisting General Kaledin, the Cossack leader.

After declaring that in the affair of Tchitcherin, one of the Russians interned by the British Government who was appointed Russian ambassador in London, the Maximalists had shown to Sir George Buchanan, the British Ambassador, their Revolutionary dignity, proving that they did not act under the influence of the British and American bourgeoisie, Trotsky continued: "If diplomats interfere in our affairs they cease to be diplomats and become private adventurers on whom the heavy hand of the Revolution will have no mercy."

The Maximalist News Agency quotes Trotsky as saying:

"If the Kaiser were able to attack us and should propose terms of peace onerous for the Revolution we should create a powerful army to fight against the Kaiser."

German Terms Must Be Fair

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Maximalist Leader Trotsky, speaking at a meeting at the ex-Imperial Palace in celebration of the armistice, said:

"We did not overthrow the Tsar and the Bourgeoisie in order to fall on our knees to beg the Kaiser for peace. If we are offered unacceptable conditions we shall ask the Constituent Assembly to decide. If the Constituent assembly agrees to them then the Maximalist Party will leave the assembly. We invoke all to a holy war against Imperialism in all countries. If, owing to economic ruin, we are unable to fight for our ideals we shall tell our foreign comrades that the struggle is not ended but only postponed as it was postponed in a similar manner in 1905."

The People's Commissioners have ordered the stoppage of all defensive works on the Russian front, the dismissal of workmen and the disbandment of the technical staffs.

The returns from the hospitals are still very incomplete. 250 people have

CONSCRIPTION BEATEN IN AUSTRALIAN VOTE

Total Figures From Melbourne Give 938,000 Votes Against And 764,000 For

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Melbourne, Dec. 23.—The totals for the Referendum show that 938,000 votes were cast against and 764,000 in favor of conscription.

Melbourne, December 21.—The latest figures of the Referendum are:

Against Conscription 922,000

For Conscription 749,000

The figures are not yet complete. Earlier returns of the voting in the Referendum concerning conscription gave a majority of 52,000 against conscription out of 658,000 votes, which is a quarter of the total electorate. These returns are chiefly from anti-conscription strongholds. The soldiers' votes are not included.

GERMAN PRESS CLAIMS VICTORY IN AFRICA

Honors Of War Still Rest With Teutons, Says Cologne Gazette

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 21.—The German press is adopting an inspired attitude that the honors of war, as regards the campaign in East Africa, rest with the Germans.

The Cologne Gazette says: "There is little reason for rejoicing in London and elsewhere. Letto von Vorbeck is not yet vanquished and we hope he will still hold out for a long time. If after his immortal deeds he should be compelled to lower his flag and our last colony should thus really be lost, our enemies must know that the pledges we hold in Europe will by that fact be made only doubly precious. With these pledges we shall win back the tropical soil we need and intend to have for our future economic life."

RUSSIANS VOLUNTEER TO SERVE IN U.S. ARMY

Officers In France Unanimously Volunteer For Duty With American Forces

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 20.—Reuter's correspondent at American headquarters in France states that the officers of the Russian army in France have volunteered unanimously to serve in the United States army. Their request is being referred to Washington. It is likely that many of the men will follow their officers.

been killed or injured in the sackings of the wine-stores of Petrograd.

Amsterdam, December 23.—The President of the Austrian Food Board states that Austria and Germany are occupied with the question of transporting food-stuffs from Russia but as the Danube is already freezing large supplies cannot be expected by this route before next March.

Bolshevik Regime Shaking

London, December 21.—A telegram from Copenhagen says that private messages from Finland state that the Bolshevik regime is shaking, hence the proclamation of a state of siege in Petrograd and numerous arrests, including the ex-Ministers Savinkoff and Tchernoff.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Chronicle states that wagon-loads of German prisoners, virtually free, are arriving in Petrograd every day and German soldiers in uniform are to be met everywhere in the streets. Undoubtedly German influence is working strongly and it is believed to be concerned in the drink riots, which the Soviet declares to be the work of the Cadets, in order to immobilise the Soviet troops. Many arrests are being made.

Fighting in Ukraine

Reuter's correspondent in Petrograd wires:

The Maximalist newspaper Pravda states that the Ukrainian troops have occupied the Headquarters of all the Staffs on the Rumanian and Southwestern front, seizing the telegraph and wireless plant. The two fronts are now united into a single Ukrainian front of which General Tcherbacheff is commander in chief. All the Cossacks in the Ukraine have been ordered to mobilise. All the Ukrainian Soviets, Peasants Council and deputies are supporting the Ukraine Rada. The Ukraine is now issuing its own paper-money.

The Maximalist Leader Trotsky announces that the landed property of foreigners is subject to confiscation the same as property owned by Russians.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News states that the Russian Staff on the Rumanian front has joined the Ukrainians and General Tcherbacheff has been appointed Generalissimo of the Ukraine forces.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail states that the German soldiers in Poland have practically not been affected through fraternising with the Russians. Individual soldiers refused to carry out orders but examples were made of them and discipline restored.

The Bolshevik troops sent to Kiev have been held up owing to the railway being broken.

Serious rioting has broken out at Abo, in Finland.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Times states that Kerensky's Minister of War, General Verkhovsky, has offered his services to the Ukraine Government, whose troops, under the command of General Tcherbacheff, are concentrating between Homel (? Gomel) and Bakhosatch while the Bolsheviks are concentrating at Minsk. General Dutoff, at the head of a force of Cossacks and Tartars, has arrived at Ulea, where he has suppressed the Bolshevik organisations, and is now advancing on Taratoff and Samara.

Kaledin Resigns

General Kaledin and the Cossack Military Government have resigned in order to allow the formation of a strong popular government. General Kaledin declares that he withdraws owing to his unpopularity with the troops at the front, who refuse to obey him in consequence of the misrepresentations of his enemies, and he sacrifices his interests to those of the country.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, wiring yesterday, states that the results of 37 elections to the Constituent Assembly are known. They include 209 Social Revolutionaries, 107 Maximalists, 23 Ukrainian Social Revolutionaries and 12 Cadets.

The breach between the People's Commissioners and the Executive of the Railway Union is growing. The latter have transferred their headquarters to Moscow, where the Soviet has now proclaimed martial law.

The Times correspondent at Odessa states that the disturbances in that city have subsided and latterly have degenerated into the sackings of wine-stores and other excesses. The trouble began through the shooting of a young Jew who was chief of the Red Guards. During the subsequent fighting eight wine-stores were looted in one day, including 20,000 bottles at one store. The Guards sent to restore order joined the looters. Finally both sides, Soviet and Rada, met and appointed a committee jointly to restore order.

Despite the proclamation of martial law in Petrograd the sackings of wine-stores continues, accompanied by orgies, lootings and much shooting. Armored cars dispersed the people participating in the pogrom in the streets.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail states that the Maximalist leader Trotsky has ordered the publication of a newspaper in German for distribution in the German trenches for expounding the views of the Maximalists.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, wiring yesterday, states:

Red Guards at three o'clock this morning surrounded and invaded

the premises of the Ukraine Revolutionary Staff and arrested the four members present. A search is being instituted for other members of the Staff, which constituted the sole official representatives of the Ukraine Rada in Petrograd.

Fighting at Rostoff

The Petrograd correspondent of the Times states that General Kaledin entered Rostoff on the 15th, after six days fighting, in which the Red Guards lost 800 killed and 1,000 wounded.

The Maximalist leaders took refuge on the warships, which attempted to leave the River Don but the cruiser Kolkhida stranded and was prevented from reaching the sea by the Cossack artillery.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post states that in a fight between the Bolsheviks and Cossacks at Tashkent the former were victorious, being commanded by Austrians and Germans who were formerly prisoners.

It is believed that a force of ex-prisoners, under their own officers and with a strength of two army corps, is within striking distance of Petrograd.

Petrograd, December 21.—Replying to the Maximalist ultimatum cabled yesterday morning, the Ukrainian Republic demands absolute non-intervention in its affairs, the recall of the Ukrainian troops from other fronts to the Ukraine, the non-intervention of the commissioners and their generalissimo in the Ukrainian, Rumanian and southwestern fronts, participation of the Ukrainian Republic in the peace negotiations, and the representation of the Ukraine to the extent of one-third of the future Federal Government.

It refuses supplies from the Ukraine unless cash is paid, of which one-third must be gold.

The Maximalist Commissioners have replied insisting that the Ukraine renounce its support of Kaledin and the Bourgeoisie Rebellion.

The People's Commissioners have confiscated the property of a mining company which refused to submit to the decree establishing workmen's control of production.

The Maximalist newspaper Pravda states that hundreds of proclamations signed by the so-called International Workers have been found at the residence of a professor belonging to the Cadets Party in connection with a plot against the Revolution.

Petrograd, December 22.—The People's Commissioners have telegraphed to all the railwaymen to take control of the railways in their own hands and to abolish high posts in the railways, such as managers and the heads of departments.

The Times correspondent at Petrograd wires that the evening newspapers say that an ex-German military attaché and an ex-German Military Plenipotentiary to the Tsar are forming an army corps composed of German prisoners of war with the consent of the Russian authorities.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post states that the decree of the Bolsheviks abolishing distinctions of rank in the army has caused an increase in the murders of officers at the front, especially among the infantry. When the news of the decree reached the front the soldiers mobbed their officers and killed them if they refused to strip off their epaulettes. Hence the officers, in a large number of instances, donned mufti and disappeared, many of them returning to their homes in the Ukraine, Caucasus and Siberia, but the officers from Great Russia are practically prisoners among their men.

HUNAN TUCHUN DEMANDS NORTHERN TROOPS LEAVE

Will Use Force To Eject Them Unless They Withdraw Voluntarily

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, December 22.—Tan Hao-min, who has been nominated Military Governor of Hunan by the Southern leaders, demands the withdrawal of the northern troops from Yochow, otherwise he will use force.

Meanwhile Tan Yen-kai, who was appointed Civil Governor and Acting Military Governor by the Government, refuses to proceed to Changsha.

South Distrusts Feng

Mr. Sung Hung-yi, former Minister of the Interior and Special Commissioner of the Canton Military Government at Shanghai, declared in a circular telegram Sunday that in order to have permanent peace in China and to lay a strong foundation for the Republic, the Southwest should not consent to the half-hearted negotiations for amicable settlement offered by the Peking government.

The message brands the recent acts of the President as intimidating, tricky and treacherous, aiming at the ultimate destruction of the Republic and predicts that the military powers of the Southern leaders will be taken away as soon as peace is concluded and China will again be a nation without a legislature and with a despotic President and Premier as the only government.

A Peking report states that Inspector-General Lu Yung-ting has endorsed the proposal of the President and the Premier, to convene a new Parliament in a message by which he also tendered his resignation as Ning Wei Changchun. The message is being utilised by the President to induce the militant Tuchuns to peace terms.

Sianfu, Shensi, is being bombarded by republicans. In a telegram received at Peking from the rebel leader, Kuo Kien, it was stated that the aim of the revolt is to oust the Tuchun, Chen Shu-fang, and not to fight the Central Government.

The provincial assembly of Shantung at Tsinanfu held an extraordinary session Saturday and decided to lodge a protest against the sending of troops to Hunan by Tuchun Chang Hui-chi. The chamber of commerce of the provincial capital also telegraphed to the Tuchun a similar protest.

The Diplomatic Corps at Peking, in compliance with the request of the Consular body in Tientsin, has lodged a protest against the commandeering of cars on the Tientsin-Pukow lines by the military authorities, which has caused the crowding of the Tientsin warehouse and stagnation of business.

NEW MACAO GOVERNOR

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Macao, December 22.—Vieira de Mattos, the commander of the gunboat Macao, has been appointed acting Governor.

Mail Notices

MAILS CLOSE

For Japan:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kumano M. Dec. 26
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru Dec. 29
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Yashiro M. Jan. 1
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Yawata M. Jan. 3
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Chikugo M. Jan. 4
For U.S., Canada and Europe:—
Per P.M. s.s. Colombia Jan. 3
Per T.K.K. s.s. Siberia M. Jan. 3
Per T.K.K. s.s. Tenyo M. Jan. 14
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'Xmas at the Hotels

Christmas dinner dances at the Carlton Cafe, Hotel Kalee and other hostilities will be features of the Yuletide celebration this evening.

Both Kalee and Carlton have prepared especially appetizing menus for the occasion and the foretaste afforded by the special dinners at both last evening in observance of Christmas Eve promise well for tonight's program of good dishes and entertainment. Tables may be reserved by phoning the management.

At Shepherd's Cafe Mr. Shepherd will be "At Home" this morning from 10 o'clock until noon, when the genial proprietor will ask his customers and friends to drink the health of the "Boys at the Front" and join with him in one of his delightful annual Christmas morning observances. Shepherd's has been

but newly redecorated within and the downstairs dining room and tea rooms upstairs have an even cooler and more homelike atmosphere than heretofore. Christmas dinner will be served at Shepherd's from 7 until 10 p.m.

A "real old-fashioned Christmas dinner" is announced by the Savoy Hotel for this evening and during its service there will be special music, with Miss Ivy Aldous at the piano. There is to be dancing after the dinner and some novelty dance numbers by Mr. Fred Keeley. Tables or private dining rooms may be reserved by request.

At the Astor House it is announced that there will be no special dinner today but that preparations are going forward for the dinner and Carnival dance to be held in the new ball room on New Years eve. Reservations are now being made at the hotel office.

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POLITICAL PARTIES CHANGE IN BRITAIN

'Ginger Group' Of Unionists
Organise For Stronger Con-
duct Of The War

OTHERS ALSO FORMING

Conservative, Liberal, Labor
And Irish Factions Face
New Rivalries

London, Oct. 30.—The party system in the British Parliament, like practically everything else in Great Britain, is in process of reorganisation. To the time of the election of the present Parliament the needs of the different sections of the community had been met by the work done by the Conservative, Liberal and Labor and the Irish parties.

The Unionist party included the Conservative, Imperialist and tariff reform sections.

The Liberal party worked well with the free trade element and had a tacit arrangement with the Labor party as to fighting certain seats in two member constituencies.

The Irish party consisted of the Nationalists and the Independent Nationalist section.

The demands of the war have proved a weakness to these divisions, and although there has been a tacit understanding that no friction should be allowed to prevent the progress of the campaign for the overthrow of Germany still the sections have failed to work in harmony.

New Party Is Formed

Both Unionists and Liberals have had sections which have been working apart from the main bodies in support of a stronger war campaign. They had up to a few weeks ago managed to prevent any serious breaking away from the main bodies. But a section mainly composed of the "Ginger Group" of the Unionists has definitely split and formed a new party under the title of the National party, with a program of a strenuous prosecution of the war and reform of the system of political control by the party whips.

Their representation in Parliament is at present few in number, but they have secured a great following outside parliamentary circles.

There are rumors of a coming party that is to be evolved from the Liberal Ginger Group, but up to the present it has not materialised.

The Labor party is now engaged in formulating a scheme of reorganisation of the basis of the party, a committee has been working out the details for some weeks and the results will be brought before the conference that meets in January next.

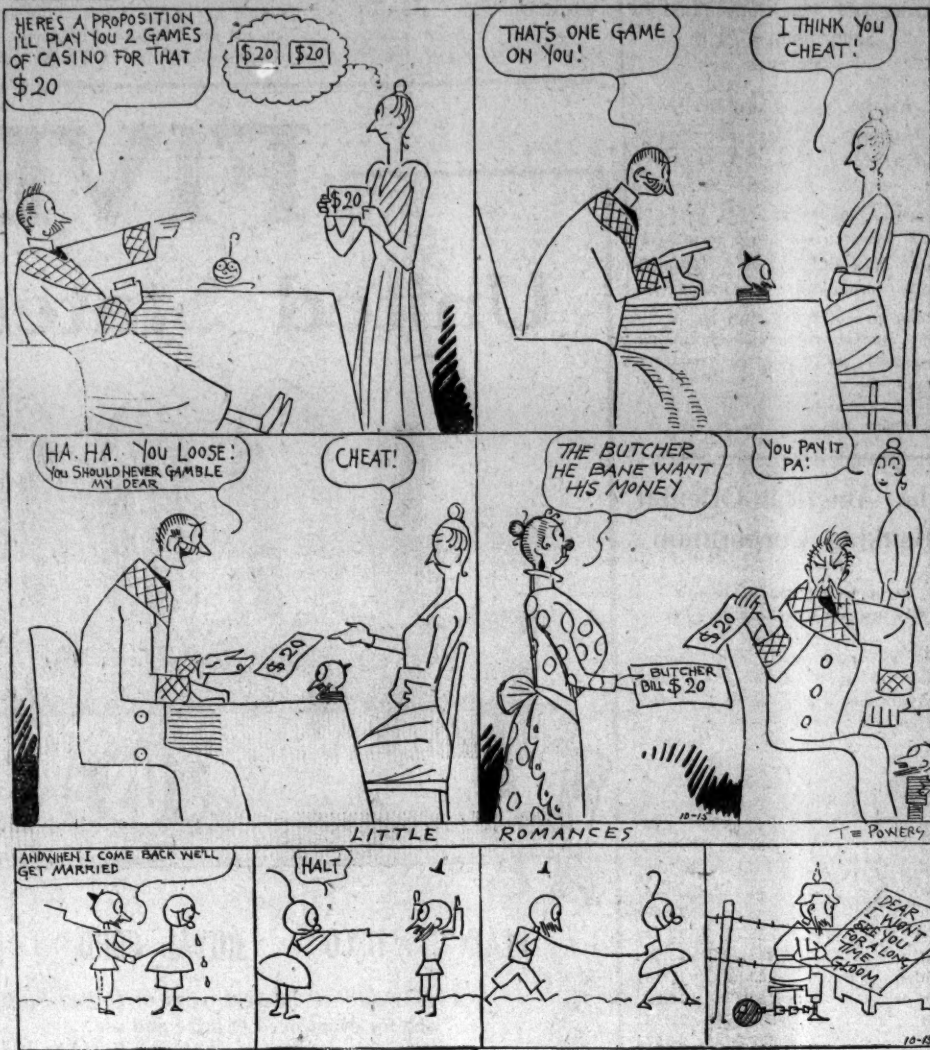
The party hopes to benefit largely by the working of the Representation of the People's bill. This will relieve them of a considerable financial liability and the enfranchisement of 2,000,000 men and about 6,000,000 women and is expected to provide them with a big accession of parliamentary strength.

The main principle of the suggested reorganisation was put before the miners' organisation at the recent conference. The delegates were altogether favorable to the new development. This, in view of the large voting power of the miners, which usually carried the day in questions that came before the Labor party, looks as if the scheme of reorganisation would go through at the conference.

Big Chance For Labor

So far as details of the scheme have transpired it will be a conversion of the party from a federation of trade unions and socialist societies into a real national party with a political program having a rank and file organization in every constituency, while the qualification of candidates is to be broadened so as to take in a wider part of the electorate. Up to the present the Labor party has been an interest party representing only trade union interests.

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The new idea is that it should become a parliamentary party broadly based on the constituencies in the same manner as the Liberal and Unionist parties.

The Labor party is looking for a big accession of parliamentary strength from the women's vote, and as it is an unknown quantity, they intend to appoint women organisers and everything will be done to educate the new women voters in labor politics. It is proposed by means of the Women's Trade Union League, the Co-operative Women's Guild and others to organise the 6,000,000 women who will be added to the electoral roll under representation of the People's bill.

The co-operative societies also have decided to go into politics. They will run their own candidates with the aid of local organisations, who will be permitted to select their own candidates from a list that will be supplied by the executive.

Alliance Are Order Of The Day Through the co-operative candidates will not be run under the auspices of the Labor party, it is probable they will receive the Labor party whips. There is a growing movement among both co-operators

and the members of the trade unions for offensive and defensive alliance.

The trade unions are being advised to bank their funds with the Co-operative Bank and to compel of possible every member of a union to join his local branch of the co-operative society, while, at the same time, employees of the co-operative societies are having to join their trade union by instruction from their employers.

The avowed object of these moves on the part of trade unions and co-operative societies is to have a backing for labor in times of strife with the employers. It is emphasised

that in a big struggle the trade unions, having their money deposited in joint stock banks, have been unable to withdraw the same, but under the co-operative scheme they would be able to get supplies without withdrawing their capital.

With the expanding of the basis of Labor party representation it is unlikely that the extreme wing of the party, which is demanding Government control of all industry and the control of trades by the workers in those trades, will attempt to form another party unless the suggested scheme proves unworkable.

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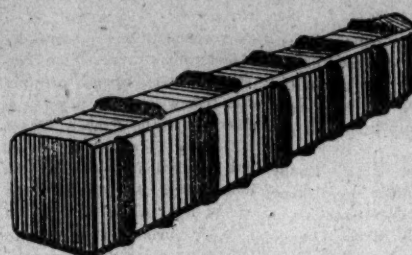
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COMPLICATIONS GROW IN LAWYER'S FEE CASE

Dr. Fischer's Interpreter Says
He Paid Another Attorney To
Prevent Case Against Self

Further complications were encountered in the Mixed Court yesterday in the lawyer's fee case when one of the men involved stated that he had paid a sum over to a lawyer so that he might not be sued himself.

The case was that wherein Dr. J. O. Fischer appeared last Saturday to explain a Tls. 500 fee, alleged to have been given him by two Chinese who are now being sued for securing the money on false pretenses. They were given a certain amount to secure a rehearing for a convicted man.

King Vung-pao, Dr. Fischer's interpreter, stated to the Court—Mr. Byrne and Magistrate Li—that Dr. Fischer's first fee was Tls. 100 but that he was afterward paid Tls. 500 and gave a receipt therefor.

The Assessor asked the witness to explain Dr. Fischer's statement that he knew nothing of the Tls. 100 but that the receipt for that amount bore the office chop.

"There are five different departments for interpreters, touting for business, in Dr. Fischer's office," said King.

"What do you mean by touting for business?" asked the Assessor.

"What I mean to say is that every interpreter has got his own friends and the business got through friends is to be charged for by the interpreters' office," replied King.

"And you do that work?" asked Mr. Byrne. "Any business through me is to be managed by myself," said King.

"Do you know of the existence of a Guild of touts?" asked the assessor.

"No," said the witness.

"It is common knowledge that there is," said the assessor.

"This I don't know," said King.

"There is a building named Kung Sze Ah-che at the corner of Kwai-chow Road. This is a place for friends to attend after finishing work. It is a place for rest."

"But you were a member?" queried Mr. Byrne. "All my friends like to have such a place and we organised it," replied King. "We simply go there to have a rest after our work. After it was not allowed by this court the place was closed up."

"Are you now engaged in touting?"

"No."

In further answer to the Assessor, witness said that, in all, he received Tls. 500 from the accused.

"Tls. 100 was paid to Dr. Mei," said King. "I was compelled to pay that by him while I was detained in custody of the police in connection with another case and Dr. Mei sent a letter to me. Of the Tls. 600 Dr. Fischer paid back 40 per cent, but I only received 10 per cent of the 40 per cent."

"You received 10 per cent, Tls. 60, and the 30 per cent?"

"I paid it to the accused."

"You only received Tls. 60, but paid Tls. 100 to Dr. Mei?" asked Mr. Newman, for the police.

"Yes, the reason I paid him Tls. 100 is that while I was under arrest I was afraid there might be another thing happen which might harm me, and as Dr. Mei in his letter said he would sue me or charge me if I did not pay this money I was quite willing to lose my own money."

"Did you explain to Dr. Mei at any time that you had only received Tls. 60?" asked Mr. Newman.

"I told him but he would not listen to me," was the reply. "He said that unless I paid the money he would ask Mr. Newman to charge me."

"Do you really mean to say that Dr. Mei agreed to refrain from giving information to this court, in connection with a criminal charge against you which was pending at the time, provided you settled a civil claim of a client of Dr. Mei?"

"No," said King.

"Did Dr. Mei agree, provided you gave him Tls. 100 back, not to inform me?"

"Yes, that is the real reason," said the witness.

The Assessor commented that the case looked very ugly. The case was adjourned.

"Princess Tatiana" Only Mlle. Grave

From Our Own Correspondent.
Peking, Dec. 21.—A Manchurian paper recently published a statement that a Russian young lady, calling herself Miss Gray, twenty years of age, accompanied by a count and an ex-Minister of Provisions and two others, arrived at Mukden by the express from Harbin and after a rest at the Yamato Hotel there, left for Peking. The lady wore a cross on the breast of her cloak. She is described as having carried herself like a princess and her companions waited on her, said the paper, with a respect almost bordering on reverence. A guess was hazarded that the young lady was no other than Princess Tatiana, second daughter of the deposed Tsar. The paper was skilfully worked up, but the simple truth is that the lady in question was Madame Mo'selle Grave, second sister of the first Secretary of the Russian Legation in Peking, who was attended by friends traveling with her as she was returning from being in good health, having served for three years as a Red Cross nurse, and being in need of a complete rest she has come to Peking to spend some time with her brother.

Czecho-Slovak Army Created In France

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Paris, December 21.—A decree creates an autonomous Czecho-Slovak army in France, the nucleus being the Czechs and Slovaks serving in the French army.

London, December 22.—Reuter's Agency learns that the Czecho-Slovak army in France will consist of at least 120,000 men, chiefly Czech soldiers who have voluntarily surrendered to the Russians and Serbians.

JAPANESE TRADE FIGURES

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Tokio, December 22.—The returns for the foreign trade of Japan during the second ten days of December show total exports of ¥41,256,000 and total imports of ¥47,713,000.

The total since January 1 to December 20 in exports, ¥1,544,036,000; imports, ¥990,541,000.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AFTER WAR DISCUSSED

Council-General Of International Parliamentary Conference Meets In Paris

Paris, France.—For the purpose of drawing up the program of the International Parliamentary Conference which is to be held in London on May 7, 1918, the council-general of the conference has just held a meeting in Paris under the direction of M. Marc Reville. It is now definitely known that the deliberations in London in May will cover working class welfare legislation, customs tariffs, the means of dealing efficaciously with German commercial methods which constitute an attack on free competition. The question of "dumping," that of industrial property and of trade registers will be included in the last-named item of the program. Closely connected with, in fact forming an important part of the commercial considerations to be studied by the Allies, is the threat connected with German organization for the mastery of eastern commercial communications; a delegate from Rumania has therefore proposed that the question of the Danube shall be included in the May program.

To get some idea of the events which have led to the drawing up of this program, it is necessary to recall some of the findings of the Allies' economic conference held in Paris last year. After close deliberations it was declared, in the introduction to the declaration issued, that "the Allies recognize that, after having imposed on them a military struggle, in spite of their efforts to prevent the conflict, the Central European Empires are today preparing, in concert with their allies, an economic struggle which will not only continue after the peace settlement, but will at that very moment, develop its full intensity. The Allies therefore cannot hide from themselves the fact that the agreements which are being prepared by their enemies aim at the establishment of their domination over the production and the markets of the entire world and at the imposition on other countries of an inacceptable hegemony. The general council of the International Parliamentary Commercial Conference, while fully indorsing the findings of the conference of 1916, recognizes that the action taken on the basis provided by the conference findings has been of a most meager character." In view of this, on the proposal of M. Eugene Bale, the secretary-general of the Permanent Bureau of Brussels, the following resolution was voted on and adopted:

"The council-general of the Commercial International Parliamentary Conference, meeting in Paris in extraordinary session, considering the state of uncertainty which has been brought about in the Entente by the too prolonged lack of a firm direction in economic matters, addresses a solemn and most pressing exhortation to the allied governments to induce them to express in deeds the fundamental ideas adopted by the International Conference held in June, 1916."

Furthermore, on the proposal made by Sir John Randles, M. P., chairman of the Commerce Committee of the House of Commons, the council-general adopted this further resolution:

The council-general of the Commercial International Parliamentary Conference meeting in Paris in extraordinary session, regarding it as a duty to lay before the commission of the Congress and the Senate of the United States the text of the resolutions adopted by the general council at its meetings of Oct. 8 and 9 in Paris, as well as the records of the business of the meetings held by the Paris conference in 1916, and in Rome in 1917; it expresses the hope that the American legislative assemblies will give their full attention to the problems, the study of which has been the care of the parliamentary conference for the last two years, and that this examination will result in the adoption by these assemblies of the conclusions arrived at by the conference, in order to realize a unity of thought and moral unity of action in the economic sphere possible between all the Allies.

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Austrian Recently Acquitted On
Murder Charge Is In
Trouble Again

H. Kremlea, the Austrian recently acquitted on a charge of murder, was given one month in jail yesterday at the Mixed Court before British Assessor Byrne and Magistrate Li on a charge of assaulting a richa coolie and two Chinese constables.

Inspector O'Toole stated that Chinese constable 371 was informed Friday night by Chinese that two foreigners were assaulting richa coolies near Yuhang Road. He found that accused was striking and kicking the complainant. The constable was assaulted when he attempted to arrest the accused. With the assistance of another Chinese constable and a Sikh policeman, accused was taken into custody. On their way, both the Chinese constables were assaulted.

Accused said that he had been drinking vodka on a Russian vessel. He engaged complainant to take him to Broadway and went to sleep in the richa. On awakening, he heard a woman calling "Come inside." He then paid the coolie 20 cents to take him away from the place. But complainant was not satisfied and assaulted him with

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the assistance of other richa coolies. He simply defended himself, he said. A Bohemian named Hanton Haker, who testified that he was with the accused, corroborated the evidence of the accused. The Assessor remarked after passing judgment on the case that it is disgraceful the way the richa coolies are touting for prostitutes on the Bund.

FOOD QUEUES DISAPPEAR

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 22.—By order of the Food Controller, the Food officers of the various borough yesterday made an inventory of the stocks of margarine in the multiple-shops (presumably Liptons, the Maypole Dairy Co., etc.) and had their surplus stocks distributed to the small shopkeepers. Thus queues, in many instances, have disappeared. The Food Controller has now ordered the extension of the powers of the local committees to all essential articles.

Lord Rhonda has proposed to shipowners that every ship to England shall utilize every inch of space for storing food for Great Britain.

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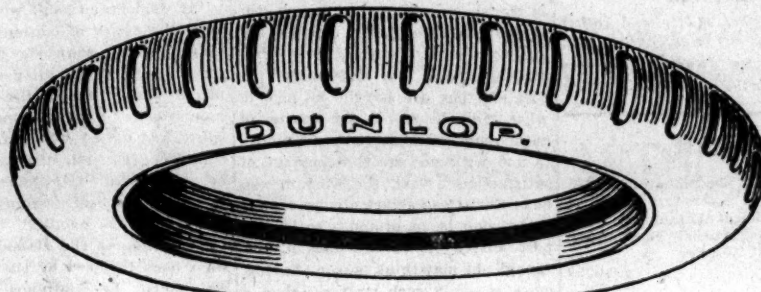
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Billiard Championship

In the second game of the Shanghai Amateur Billiard Championship semi-finals Mr. Gordon Morris defeated Mr. C. W. Porter, 600 to 281. The match was played at the Shanghai Club Saturday night and the winner was in great form, scoring breaks of 66, 57 and 50 with an average of 11.3 for the contest. Porter's high break was 37. The finalists for the year are thus Mr. Morris and Mr. H. S. Smyth and the deciding match will be played on a date set by the committee.

S.N.R. Footballers Beat Yanchow Team

(Special Correspondence to The China Press)
Yanchow, December 22.—Today the Shanghai-Nanking Railroad team came to Yanchow to play a team composed of the teachers of the four schools which are members of the Y.I.A.A. The score was 2 to 0 in favor of the S. N. R. team. Mr. Tang and Mr. Bailey of the S. N. R. team starred for the visitors. Both teams showed lack of practice, the Yanchow forwards missing all of their many chances at goals. Last week in reporting the game between Mahan School and Commercial School, the score was given as 4 to 1, in favor of Mahan School. The referee had extended time to allow Mahan to make a corner kick from which a goal was scored. Later, the Executive Committee of the Y. I. A. A. changed this decision as the rules adopted by the association do not mention any rule for extending time for a corner kick. So the final score should stand 3 to 1 in favor of Mahan School.



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DEATH

WALKER: On December 20, 1917,
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and Mrs. M. P. Walker.

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SHANGHAI, DECEMBER 25, 1917

A Christmas Prayer in
War Time

By E. P. Graham Barrow
"A Sceptre of Righteousness shall
be the sceptre of the kingdom."

A LIGHT shined in the darkness
and there came
The Son of God, to save and not
to flame.

He came, and thus his Kingdom
first began,
His Throne of love, set in the heart
of man.

The sceptre of that Kingdom ruled
to bless,
The sceptre formed by Truth and
Righteousness.

He came to earth and thus man-
kind did save;
He conquered sin, His precious life
He gave.

To all that received Him He gave
the grace
To become the Sons of God—a
Godly race.

Oh Jesu, Saviour, at this Christ-
mas-
tide,
Look down in pity, with us still
abide.

AND shepherds were abiding in
the field
Watching their flock, their precious
charge to shield.

Today our brothers watch a deadly
foe,
They give their lives as shields
'gainst future woe.

Upon the boundless waters too they
keep
Our freedom safe, a glorious har-
vest reap.

They fight for freedom, thus they
do God's will,
We ask their safety; Christ guard
them from ill.

Sons of The Father, glad they pay
the price
Of their brothers' safety by self
sacrifice.

Oh Jesu, Saviour, at this Christ-
mas-
tide,
Look down in pity—with them still
abide.

ALMIGHTY Father, both of
friend and foe,
Call Peace with Honor, shield all
here below;

Let all thy nations cultivate thy
Good,
Sons of one Father, in one Brother-
hood.

Thou who for us didst give thy Son
to die,
Look down in pity, harken to our
cry.

Mend hearts now broken, banish
now the tear,
Heal our brave wounded, cheer
their future dear.

Into thy keeping take our sacred
dead—
In risen glory from an earth blood-
red.

Father almighty, at this Christ-
mas-
tide,
Look down in pity—with us still
abide.

Better Be Right Than Funny

This is the time of year when
jokes about the cigars bought by
women for husbands and other
objects of their affection bring in an

appreciable and appreciated contribu-
tion toward the annual revenue of all
professional humorists. They are a
harmless and even estimable folk,
the humorists, and nobody, unnece-
sarily, would do anything, especially
with the cost of living what it is now,
to increase the difficulty they have in
meeting their bills. Still justice is
justice, and, unless it is a fact that
Christmas-present cigars are of the
quality asserted by the jesters, gains
made out of ridiculing them are the
products of an inaccuracy in itself
reprehensible, and it is made the
worse by the lack of consideration
for the tender sensibilities of the fair
which it illustrates.

So far as known, there has never
been made of the Christmas cigar
that intensive study which alone
would warrant the light and careless
condemnation bestowed upon it. That
either denunciation or ridicule
is deserved by it, however, can safely
be held more than dubious, and for
several reasons.

First, there is nothing in com-
mercial or industrial records war-
ranting belief in the existence of a
cigar manufactured for the holiday
trade alone, and though there do
seem to be cigar boxes that appear
in the shops at no other season, the
contents of those boxes have an all-
the-year-round appearance. Presum-
ably, when less elaborately de-
corated, they are bought by men in
what may be called the course of
nature and smoked with equanimity
if not with any notable amount of
satisfaction. Next, the woman who
buys Christmas cigars almost always
takes what is, or pretends to be, ex-
pert advice before she does it, and
though she may think longer—having
more sense in such matters—than a
man about paying for cigars what a
hundred of the better reputed ones
cost, she can heed her instinctive
impulse for reasonable economy by
buying a half or a quarter box. And
that is her customary compromise
with what most women in their
hearts regard as an evil.

Another thing: The Christmas-
cigar joke rests on the assumption
that men have knowledge as well as
opinions as to the intrinsic merits
of tobacco—if it has any—and no
assumption could be more perilous
than that. The truth is that men
judge cigars very largely by external-
ities and irrelevancies. A prettily
gilded band adds confidently imagi-
ned favor to many a cigar that is or
ought to be cheap, and few indeed
are the men who found judgment on
anything that goes deeper than the
"wrapper." If that be pleasing to
the eye, the vast majority of them
say the cigar is good.—New York
Times.

How War Saves
The Classics

The true meaning of human life
is coming home to us as it has not
in generations past. The war has
made us probe to the essentials on
which human life depends; and in
our educational life it has had the
effect of making us re-learn the
study of the classics, which had be-
gun to slip away from us. "The
call to save our own freedom and
to help save the freedom of the
world, to organize one hundred mil-
lions of human beings to do the
work of one giant," says Dean An-
drew F. West, of Princeton, in the
New York Sun, "has compelled us
to examine ourselves most carefully."
The existing records of the schools
and colleges in our land and in
European lands, declares this educa-
tor, all agree in showing that
students with classical training gen-
erally surpass the non-classical
students, not only in such subjects
as history and literature, but in the
general range of the sciences and
in the professional and technical
studies. Such a "bold, hard, un-
answerable fact," he thinks, ought
"to have great weight with practical
men who judge any system of educa-
tion by its practical results." What
meaning has this need for the pre-
sent exigencies of world upheaval?
"It means, at bottom, that unless
our democracy can raise its trained

Christmas in the Forest

By William F. Kirk

The snowbirds from the North come fluttering down,
Each seeming like a little flag of truce
Against the dark green cedar and the spruce,
Soon to be Christmas trees in yonder town.
Nature is strutting in an ermine gown
That, Nature-like, is neither tight nor loose,
And, Nature-like, is less for show than use,
Although each hemlock boasts its dazzling crown.

This is the forest, made for men to love;
Here are the streams, purring neath icy sheets.
Here are no artificial light above;
Here are no sin-infused city streets.
This is the world God meant, the world He gave;
This is the world Christ never had to save.

German Atrocities Worse
Than Reported, Says Soldier(By An American Soldier)
(Somewhere in France)

Dear—: I am afraid there will
be no Christmas dinner at home for
me this year. However, the Tom-
mies say that they had a fine time
last year, so we may have it better
than we expect. No use trying not
to get lonesome, for it can't be done.
We have been getting letters about
a month or three weeks after they
are written usually but now they are
coming along better. The last ones
came in about two weeks.

I had written a description of the
boche trenches, dugouts, etc., but
the censor would not pass it. Can
you imagine anything more asinine?
The trenches I described were built
and occupied by Germans, and to
forbid describing anything about
which they already know seems to
be the height of foolishness. But
rules are rules and made for some
good reason, I suppose, and of
course we will do what they wish.

Any magazines you could send me
would be most welcome. The ones
we can get are not very interesting
and are very expensive. Food is very
dear, especially good eggs, 6s.
(\$1.12); butter, 6s., or about 85
cents a pound; bread, 1s. (17 cents)
a loaf, and chocolate, 2s. (34 cents)
for what we would pay 15 cents or
20 cents. The two things we find
it almost impossible to get are heavy
woolen socks and good tobacco.
The tobacco issued to us is vile—
burns our tongues and tastes like
h—.

My supply of P. A. is very
low, but I'm looking for a box from
home, and hope to get some decent
tobacco for my dear friend the good
little U. S. pipe.

Am now sitting on the shady side
of a ruined factory. All around the
buildings are down, with only a wall
here and there to show where
houses once were. One of Jerry's
places came over yesterday very
close to us. Didn't drop any bombs
near, but we were all ready to dive
in the dugouts. I had a good look
at him through a fine pair of French
field glasses which I bought for 20s.
(about \$5) from a Jock who took
them from a dead officer. They are
beauties. Showed them to one of our
Lieutenants and he said they were
a fine pair, better than his own, and
were worth at least \$75. Quite a
bargain.

Although we are working hard,
on Sunday we have no duties, and
about every other week and we are
allowed a pass to a large city,
where we get a good bath and a
real meal, and buy things we need.
All shops are opened on Sundays.
I have not been to gay "Paree" yet,
but hope for a pass in a month or
two. Travelling facilities are not
what they are in the U. S. A., where
we do things in a hurry but with
some system. Here system is un-
known.

About the city where we go when
on leave: It is a typical French city
of about 100,000 people, not in
ruins, for the boches did not get that
far nor stay long enough to wreck
it. It is a very old city; has a most
beautiful cathedral over 700 years
old, a citadel even more ancient,
built about the year 1,000, I think.
The most wonderful woodwork and
all the old carved furniture is pro-
tected by sandbags in case of an air
raid, and so we did not see that
part. St. Patrick's is a doll house
compared with this cathedral. The
city itself is much like our cities,
but squares and parks are more fre-
quent. The houses, and in fact all
buildings, are much smaller than
ours, and there are no large de-
partment stores, but every shop-
that is, nearly every one—no matter
how large or small, has a stock of
liquor and wine.

Praise For The French
We went down to this town last
Sunday, had a fine hot bath, a good
dinner in "La Petite Vatel," and in
the afternoon saw the town from
the rear seat of a victoria. Went
through all the wonderful parks,
"the Eastside" and then along the
canals to the older part of the town,
through the fine residential section
and back to the "Gare du Nord" and
home a la first class with a lot of
French officers. My command of
French is slowly improving, and I
can carry on an ordinary conversa-
tion, if Froggie will speak slowly.

The French are fine. We all like
them very much. They are so glad
to see us and to hear what the United
States is doing in regard to the war.
The English are not so friendly, but
we get on beautifully with the Cana-
dians and Australians.
The water all around here has to
be chlorinated to destroy the germs
of disease from dead bodies, refuse
and poisonous matter which the

boches put in it. All the streams
and rivers, canals and springs are not
fit for drinking purposes unless the
water is boiled and chlorinated.

From where I sit now I can see
from the tent door three or four
captive observation balloons and a
fleet of aeroplanes. The roar and con-
fusion from the big guns is awful
and at times is continuous for hours
when a drive is on. The heaviest
firing is at night usually. We can im-
agine what is going on by the num-
ber of star shells and light bombs
fired. The whole lines are lit up and
the flashes from the guns, bursting
shells, rockets, etc., remind one of
all the worst thunder storms ever ex-
perienced rolled into one grand up-
roar. Every night is much like the
Black Tom explosion.

I have seen quite a few German
prisoners. They will not believe that
we are United States soldiers, but
swear that we are Australians until
they see the United States buttons.
A great many of them speak En-
glish quite well, and when they are
convinced that America is really in
the war the usual expression is,
"It's all over with Germany now,"
or "Damn the Kaiser." They seem
to be getting enough of it, but wait
until our men really get going. They
will be good and sorry that they
started a job far too large for them
to complete. We all have great
hopes of an early end, and are root-
ing for the Allies every time a big
gun goes.

We are still in the same place
and hope to stay here all winter.
Rather like the place now that we
are settled and working on our jobs
every day, instead of being on the
move all the time. At one time we
moved so often that our things were
nearly all worn out from being pack-
ed so much. Our shacks are all up
and everything is going smoothly.
Our main trouble is our lack of
bathing facilities. When it is not
too cold we go swimming in a large
river. The mosquitoes are fierce,
and there are little black flies
which bite the stuffing out of us. No
little bugs have bothered us yet, for
we keep pretty clean. Those who
do not bathe often enough are
thrown in, clothes and all.

Feels As If In A Dream
Am perfectly well and as content
as is possible for one to be under
the circumstances. I surely am a
long way from home and at times
wonder if it is not all a big dream
and at other times it seems like a
nightmare. But I will be back again
some time with a whole skin and
the most wonderful experiences a
man could ever have, all stowed
away to bore people to death with.

Well, it can't last forever, and we
feel that by this time next year or
even sooner we will all be home
again. Germany is not beaten yet,
but is outnumbered in men and
guns, so that they won't be able to
make any great advance. They so
firmly established in their present
positions behind concrete and steel
that driving them out is very slow,
hard work.

The people are beginning to come
back to their wrecked homes and to
straighten things a bit. Near where
we are working a family is living
in a little shack built against the side
of their courtyard wall. We go over
there quite often and have dinner
of fresh eggs, milk and bread. Mr.
Moreau, the owner of the place, was
a farmer on a large scale before the
war—had more than 500 head of
cattle, large buildings and a fine
new house just completed when the
war broke out. All the cattle were
taken by the boches, the house
blown up, the buildings fired and his
wife a prisoner for two years.

All the accounts of German
cruelty, outraging, etc., are quite
true, and even worse than you ever
hear of. What the French, English,
Australians and Canadians will do
when they do get into Germany will,
I am afraid, be even worse than any-
thing the boches have done. Nearly
all of them have had friends killed
and some have seen their compan-
ions crucified and tortured, their
children's hands cut off and their
wives and daughters taken prisoners.
One cannot imagine the fierce hatred
they have for their enemy.

The Germans do all they can to
break down the race, such as in-
oculating them with tuberculosis
germs, subjecting them to such
treatment that they go insane, and
many other things too horrible to
mention. A French officer who had
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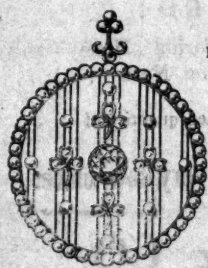
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clothes, gather about two pounds of
ivy leaves, put them in a saucepan,
cover them water, and boil for half
an hour. Strain and add a little
soda to the liquor, which is then
ready for use. Black skirts, stock-
ings, or other black garments may
be washed in this compound without
fear of their turning brown.

Brass ornaments and picture-
frames should be cleaned by boiling
them in strong soapuds, to which a
large lump of soda has been added.
Scrub with a brush, pour clear boil-
ing water over them, and wipe dry.
Brass articles that cannot be boiled
may be cleaned by rubbing them
with the juice of a boiled onion.

Sewing machine needles may be
used much longer if, when the points
begin to get dull, they are rubbed on
a piece of emery board.

Little Bobbie's Pa

By William F. Kirk

A little fresh guy was over to our
house yesterday, his ma fetched him
& she didn't keep him there long.
His naim was Peter Stivesant Sims,
he calim of a old fambly, he sed.

I calim of a old fambly too, I sed,
my grand father was 98 years old
wen he died, I sed, & then he wuddent
have died only he fell off of a bridge
wen he was cummin hoam from
the Elks meeting, I sed.

My grate grandfather helped Mr.
Washington save the nashun, sed
Peter, he used to sweep out the val-
ley at Valley Forge, he sed.

My grate grandfather wuddent do
no sweeping, I sed, he was a Minut
Man, he killed a Injun every minnit,
I sed.

I doant care, sed Peter, my father
can lick yure father in a stand up
fite.

Ha, Ha, sed Pa, wen I toald him
that, Ha Ha, the innocene of child-
hood, sed Pa, every littel child thinks
his father is the best fiter in the
wurd. Let the littel fellow think
what he pleases, Bobbie, sed Pa,
neever mind telling him my record,
sed Pa. He is too yung to under-
stand such things.

Littel Stivesant is a vary quaint
child, sed Missus Sims, he is vary old
for his years, like a old maid, sed she.
He often maiks me wunded at his
deep intellect, she sed. I am afrade
he is larning too fast at skool. The
teachers say he is terribul brite, she
toald Ma.

I guess beeing brite does seem
terribul to sum teachers, sed Ma.
One of Bobbie's teachers toald him
the other day that Cornwalls felt
awful bad wen he sur-rendered to
General Lee, sed Ma. I think it is
too bad that all teachers are not cap-
abel, sed Ma. Wen I went to skool
that was vary careful who thay hired
for teachers.

Littel Peter is a hard child to
understand, sed Missus Sims. He is
quite a dreamer. I think wen he
grows up he will be ether a grate
playrite or a poleceman, she sed.
Look at his dreemy eyes, she sed to
Ma.

He is such a plump littel rascal,
sed Ma, that I can hardly see his
eyes.

Indeed, sed Missus Sims, my child
has butifal eyes. Thaay are a deep
blue, she sed, almost black.

I can give you a black eye, sed
Peter to me.

Yure another, I sed.

What spirited littel men, sed

Missus Sims. We must not let them
engage in a fite, my littel Stivesant
has a feendish temper, she sed. He
choked our canary & it was jost lern-
ing to sing luvly, she sed.

He cant choke me, I sed, & then
I looked hard at his stummich & hit
him on the noas, like Pa toald me
to do when I had to dee-fend my-
self, it worked fine, & he cried, too.

What a brutal littel savage yure
child is, sed Missus Sims. He dee-
serves a sound spanking, wich is
sumthing I dare say he neever gets,
she sed. I must be going, she sed,
& she went & took Stivesant with
her.

Ma was sorry I hit him, but I aint
sorry, this is war times & every-body
has got to do sumthing to show thare
spunk, Pa sed. Bobbie, sed Pa, now
that we are in the jam, have a clout
for Unkel Sam, sed Pa.

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— Robert W. Service.

By George B. Underwood

"You've all read—that poem of the Irish soldier who gave up his beloved pipe to ease the last moments of his dying comrade out there in the hell of No Man's Land, and after the return to the trenches raced madly back in the hail of the rapid fire to recover his old dudden. Well, with my own eyes I saw something of a similar incident.

"It was at Fleury and we were just making our way back through a communication trench after a sortie over the top—all that was left of us—when suddenly a little polli gave a startled 'Mon Dieu!' and shouldering us aside started for the front line trenches again shrieking agonically 'Ma petite bouffarde! Ma petite bouffarde!' ('My little pipe! My little pipe!') He would have gone back over the top for his beloved 'little bouffarde' if we had not restrained him."

The speaker was Corporal Albert J. Beraud, the same, but oh, so changed. "Al" Beraud who only two short years ago was boning away at his examinations in St. Peter's College, Jersey City, but now is back "en permission," wearing the blue uniform of the famous regiment, the Infanterie Coloniale du Maroc, with both the coveted Croix de Guerre and the Cross of the Legion of Honor pinned on his left breast.

It was of those two bronze crosses, more to be prized, more to be envied, than any jewelled decoration of knighthood, that I was trying to get him to tell. They are awarded only for distinguished gallantry in action, and one of them seldom is given to any one other than a commissioned officer. I wanted to hear from his own lips how they came to him. He talked, talked volubly, in the French manner, for though he is an American it is the blood of La Belle France that flows in his veins, but always of his comrades and never of himself.

"Let me tell you of the little polli and his pipe," he said, and he told the

story. "Let me tell you of the young Lieutenant lying terribly wounded and dying in the trench. His men wanted to know if they could do anything for him, anything to ease those last agonised pangs.

"Turn me over," he murmured. 'Je veux entendre battre le cœur de ma mere.' ('I want to feel my mother's heart beat.') It was of France of course, he spoke," explained Corporal Beraud in reverent tones.

On and on he rattled. He told stories of trench life till the tears of laughter ran down the cheeks of his hearers. He spoke of France and of the war, of Verdun, the Somme, Douaumont, the Aisne, and of seeing the entry of Pershing's troops into Paris on the Fourth of July, his eyes blazing with fervor and enthusiasm.

He related almost unspoken acts of the boches with set jaw and clenched hands and those wonderfully expressive eyes glowing and burning with an unpleasant light. With choking voice he spoke of comrades sleeping the sleep eternal 'neath the plain wooden crosses of in unmarked and unremembered graves—but nothing of himself and the two bronze crosses pinned over his heart.

The First Cross

But finally he was backed up against the wall. There was but one way out; strategy could not avail. The bottle of fine old Chamberlain that Emil—he of the Swiss name but of the French blood and of the French heart—had opened in the soldier's honor loosened his tongue. Under the spell of the wine and the pleas and demands of his friends Corporal Beraud capitulated. And here is the tale the former Jersey City collegian told of himself and the two bronze crosses, related in a calm, matter of fact way with earnest striving to hide the glory and honor attached to it.

"It was at Douaumont just before we recaptured it from the boches," began the corporal. "Three weeks previous in one of the advances my regiment practically had been wiped out—80 per cent of us killed or wounded.

"We had been reorganised and just had come up from a rest camp and been put on reserve as support to one of the front line regiments. The word was sent us that the boys up front were having their troubles holding 'em. We received the order to move up, and re-enforce them."

"In the advance I was in command of the first squad of the first company. We made our way waist deep through the mud of the communication trench and entered the main trench. The communication trench was had enough, but the main trench was had."

"Two big shells had burst and opened up enormous craters. The water had poured in and turned the holes into miniature ponds. The water was over our heads. The only way through was to swim—but how could we swim, loaded down with our rifles, ammunition and grenades?"

"Hurry! hurry!" pleaded a wounded man who, groaning and cursing, was making his way back to a dressing station. Fritz has turned hell loose out there and we can't hold them."

"There was no way through that ocean of mud and water. The only way around the craters was over the top.

"A man at my left leaped on top of the parapet. He fell back dead. Another clambered up. He too got his death billet. And yet another and another! 'No, thank you,' I said to myself. 'I don't want to die that way.' And so I moved over to the right and looked through a hole in the sand bags.

"As I gazed I saw that the German front line trench on our immediate

away and taking our men off as fast as they showed on the top. I saw that we were going to take that trench the machine gun must be stopped.

Captured The Boche Gun

"So I went over. I did not jump to the top of the parapet as the other poor fellows had done, but side vaulted it, rolling quickly over and dropping squish in the mud of a shell hole on the other side. Ug-h-h, but that shell hole was awful! Blood, water, filth, bodies, parts of arms and legs! Mon Dieu! No wonder the men call some of those shell holes 'The devil's stew pot!'"

"But red, green and crawling as that devil's stew pot was, it seemed mighty good to me for it gave me cover and kept me out of the zone of fire. But I only could linger there long enough to get my wind and size up the situation. I stuck my head up between the body of a dead Chasseur and a blackened tree stump and saw that cursed boche quick firer still mowing down our men."

"I scrambled out of the shell hole, stumbled, slipped and slid through the mud to the protection of another, got my wind again and the next rush carried me to a crater not twenty-five yards away from the boche trench. There one of the boches spotted me and started popping at me."

"I was only twenty-five yards away. He must have had me for his aim was bad, and he pumped four or five shots at me before one finally tore through my steel helmet."

"I had lit my grenade and was waiting for the right moment to throw it while he was trying to drop me. You know if you throw a 'cracker' too soon they are likely to pop it up before it explodes and drop it back at you. Many a man has lost his own life and those of his mates by badly timing his grenade. Mine was timed right and it killed the boche who had been popping at me and also finished one of the others."

"My grenade left the rest of the gun crew stunned and panicky and I went over the top of their trench after them. I got use through the head and laid another out with a kick in the stomach before the three remaining stuck their hands up over their heads and yelled 'Kamerad!'"

"I made 'kamerads' out of 'em all right! In fact I temporarily became a boche gun commander. I just stuck my gun in their faces and made them turn their quick firer on their own men, who were coming up with a warning down the trench to their aid."

"Believe me, that gun just seemed to delight in mowing down the boches. We had it pointed a right down the trench and the Fritz kept walking right into it in their stupid Teuton way instead of swinging up on the parapet and flanking or enveloping me."

Decorated By President

"Well, to make a long story short, one of our waves finally reached me. Our boys came up over the top and I turned the gun over to one of my officers. Our move enabled us to get at Fritz from the flank and we quickly cleaned the German trenches on that salient."

"My going over the top the way I did was a great piece of luck, wasn't it?" the corporal asked. "I had luck with me in the capturing of the gun," he added, trying hard to hide his display of bravery. "For if my grenade had not stunned that gun crew and left them scared out of their wits I certainly would have been up against it."

"When were you decorated?" Corporal Beraud was asked. "Right after the battle? And did you receive both of the crosses at the same time?"

"No," he answered. "I received the Croix de Guerre for a little something that happened during a scouting expedition a few months previous to Douaumont. It was at Saintville several weeks later that President Poincaré, for my capture of the machine gun at Douaumont, made me a chevalier of the Legion of Honor."

"And oh, wasn't I proud when President Poincaré pinned this on my blouse!" exclaimed the corporal, placing his hand reverently on the cross of the Legion of Honor. "Think of it, only three men since Napoleon's time other than officers of high rank have been awarded it!"

Emil brought in the coffee and the cigars, and Corporal Beraud tried hard to switch the conversation away from himself and to things about home. There was so much he wanted to know. But we all insisted that he tell us how he came with the other cross that nestled on his breast, the Cross of War.

"Oh, say," laughed the Corporal, "there surely is something interesting to tell about that, for when they gave me the Croix de Guerre they threw in a wife for good measure."

"Wife!" I exclaimed. "Then you

are married? And you didn't let any of your friends know anything about it. Where is she? She must have our congratulations."

"Well, you see," he smiled. "I'm not exactly married despite the fact that I had a wife thrust on me. You see it was like this:

"We were out one night on a scout, a couple of my French friends and a Senegalese from one of our company of colonials. Three of us got back to the trenches all right, but the Senegalese was missing. So I went back after him."

"He was wounded, and it was some job carrying him in through the mud and the shell holes. For minutes at a time we would hug the cover of a crater waiting for the glare of the star shells to die down. It was spitting lead and iron all around us. Matters were made worse when a piece of shrapnel got me in the foot."

"Well, I got him back anyway, and what do you think that Senegalese went and did to me? Lying desperately wounded there and wishing to display his gratitude for my bringing him in he grabbed me his favorite wife."

"Yes, sir-e-e-e! That's just what he did! He had six of 'em, and he swore by the beard of the Prophet that this one was the handsomest and most beautiful of the lot. To prove it he told me she weighed 240 pounds. The poor fellow was dying, and he thought he was doing me the greatest favor he was capable of. I couldn't turn him down. But what was I to do? There was no I, a young American with no thoughts of getting married, and of course not to any prize Fatima anyway. But I sat there and thanked him as he told me the pride of his harem would be notified and that she would come to me."

"Later I explained the situation to one of my officers who had lived in the colonies and who was familiar with Senegalese customs. He told me to sit tight and matters would adjust themselves. He said that the beauty of the harem probably would have more sense than 'gr husband and probably would release me from the trade."

"He was right, for several weeks later I received a letter from 'my wife.' She wrote me that her lord and master had willed her to me and that she gladly and lovingly would fulfill his commands if I so willed it. Knowing that my manners and my customs were not the same as hers, she said that if I did not want her, or could not take her, all that was necessary was for me to write and formally release her from the obligation. You can bet I lost no time in sending the papers giving her a full and honorable discharge."

Sees First British Tank Here

Strange as it may seem it was in this country that Corporal Beraud got his first glimpse of the British tank which played so prominent a part in the fighting along the western front.

"The British tank Britannia, which

took part in the Liberty Loan parade, was the first one I ever had seen," said Corporal Beraud. "The French have plenty of their own, and of course I have seen lots of them."

"It is a great sight watching them ploughing along through the wire entanglements and chevaux-de-frise, smashing everything before them. But I should not like to be in them. Oh, no, no, no! The temperature, you see is over 100 degrees."

"But I don't think the boches like them either. I don't know, however, for, you see, when a boche meets a tank he don't talk about it afterward. Squash! Thump! He's dead!"

"Almost every conceivable kind of death dealing machine has been devised for use over there. Some of the simplest are the most deadly. The Germans are very tricky. We continually have to keep our eyes peeled for their subterfuges. Sometimes they bury things we call 'turtles' in front of their trenches. They are covered with percussion caps and if one of our men kicks it when we attack it explodes a mine under us."

"You know officers' helmets make fine souvenirs and all of the men are anxious to secure them to send back home to their friends. Fritz knows that as well as ourselves. They tie a little string to an officers' helmet left carelessly on the ground. The other end of the string is attached to a mine. When a polli innocently picks it up it explodes and he is killed, and sometimes many others with him."

"Those tricks are old, however. They would not attempt to work them now even on the new American tanks. In the American training camps back of the lines the French instructors carefully have warned the Sammies against Fritz's trickeries."

It was in May, 1915, that Corporal Beraud first offered his services to France. He was accepted and after graduating from St. Peter's College in June sailed for France. After three months training at Cherbourg his regiment was sent to the front. From then on he was in active service. He was in engagements at Verdun, Fort Vaux, Dead Man's Hill, Douaumont and Lovement.

As a volunteer he took part in an attempt to capture a German trench run at Lovement last December. He and his comrades got the gun out of action, but in the fighting accompanying the capture of the piece Corporal Beraud was wounded. He remained at the front, however, till the wound became infected and then was removed to a base hospital. Returning to the front last March Corporal Beraud went through the spring offensive along the Aisne.

Immediately after America's entry into the war Corporal Beraud asked

to be transferred to Uncle Sam's forces but the transfer was not made. He was granted a six weeks' furlough, enabling him to return home for a short visit with his father and mother in West Hoboken. Corporal Beraud still is trying to get his transfer into his own American service.

He would prefer a position as instructor at one of the training camps, for there he thinks he could do the most good. In all prob-

ability such a place will be found him.

"The end of the war?" said Corporal Beraud in answer to a question. "Ah, France almost has ceased to think about that! She has endured so long that almost she does not care. But peace, yes, of course, we want peace. But it must be the peace for which we are fighting! It would be unbearable that all which has been suffered for these three years should be for nothing!"

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@ 72.5 = Mex. \$129.82
Mex. Dollars Market rate ... 72.25
Dragon Dollars: native bank rate
Tls. 11

What Gold Bars: 978 touch Tls. 2.80
Bar Silver ... Tls. 270
Copper Cash ... per tael 177.8
Sovereigns:
Buying rate @ 4/4 1/2 = Tls. 4.57
exch. @ 72.5 = Mex. \$6.30
Peking Bar ... Tls.
Native Interest07

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver ... 43 1/2
Bank Rate of Discount ... 5%
Market rate of discount: ... 72.4
3 m-s. ... %
4 m-s. ... %
6 m-s. ... %
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.
Ex. Paris on London ... Fr. 27.52
Ex. N. Y. on London ... T.T. \$47.63
Consols ... £

Exchange Opening Quotations

London ... T.T. 4/4 1/2
London ... Demand 4/4 1/2
London ... 4 m/s. 4/4 1/2
India ... T.T. 300 1/2 nom.
France ... T.T. 59 1/2
America ... T.T. 104 1/2
Hongkong ... T.T. 68 1/2
Japan ... T.T. 49 1/2
Batavia ... T.T. 238 1/2
Straits ... T.T. 53 1/2

Banks Buying Rates

London ... 4 m/s. Ctds. 4/6 1/2
London ... 4 m/s. Docy. 4/6 1/2
London ... 6 m/s. Ctds. 4/7 1/2
London ... 6 m/s. Docy. 4/7 1/2
Paris ... 4 m/s. 62 1/2
New York ... 4 m/s. 108 1/2

Customs House Exchange States

For December
Tls. 4.36 @ 4/11 ... 41
" 1 @ 56 1/2 = Francs 6.30
" 1 No quotation Marks 75.14
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Copper f. o. b. 125 0 0
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Previous Quotation, London, Dec-
ember 21:—
Spot: 2s. 5 1/2 d. paid.
April to June: 2s. 7 d. paid.
Tendency of Market: Quiet.
Plantation First Latex Crepe:
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April to June: 2s. 7 d. paid.
Tendency of Market: Quiet.
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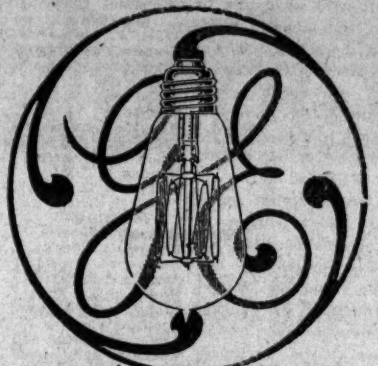
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Reserve Funds:
Sterling, £1,500,000 @ 2s. 15,000,000
Silver 18,500,000
Total \$33,500,000

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

C. C. WONG, Manager.

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(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorized Capital \$60,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital:

Chinese Government 10,000,000.00

Chinese Mercantile 2,312,500.00

Community 2,312,500.00

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G. LION, Manager.

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Capital Subscribed Yen 48,000,000

Capital Paid-up " 34,000,000

Reserve Fund " 22,100,000

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K. KODAMA, Manager.

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Reserve " 10,000.00

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Head Office: SHANGHAI

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Paid-up Capital .. Sh. Tls. 2,500,000

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H. C. MARSHALL,

Chief Manager.

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Subscribed Capital 1,125,000
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Reserve Fund 600,000

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Declaration of Loss

The following five drafts, posted by Messrs. Chen Ching Tai (仁成泰), Yingkow to Shanghai on the 24th day of last month, have been lost or burned during transmitting in the train, owing to accident of fire at Kaopangtze.

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YUEN KONG FIRM, Shanghai.
元康號
Shanghai, December 25, 1917.

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N. O. LIDDELL,
Acting Secretary.
Council Room.
Shanghai, December 20, 1917.

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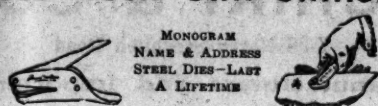
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